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February 19, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that a project to place flashing yellow beacons on school zone warning signs is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Accept a Safe Routes to School Program grant from the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the amount of \$390,060, as described in the enclosed Grant Management Statement.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to act as an agent for the County of Los Angeles when conducting business with Caltrans on items related to this grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved certain guidelines for acceptance of grants by the County for \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that a County Department must prepare a Grant Management Statement for activities covered under the grant prior to your Board's approval. Accordingly, the Grant Management Statement for this grant is enclosed for your review.

In May 2003, under authority delegated in the Board-approved grant policy, we submitted a grant application to Caltrans for the Safe Routes to School Program. On December 8, 2003, Caltrans notified us that \$390,060 was approved for the installation of flashing yellow beacons above existing school cluster signs. The 63 approved locations for the work are shown as Attachment A of the enclosed Grant Management Statement. The installation of the flashing yellow beacons will be completed by September 30, 2005.

Acceptance by the County of the Safe Routes to School Program grant will provide revenue for Public Works to carry out a pedestrian safety enhancement project for school children in the unincorporated County areas. The project will supplement existing school clusters with flashers on major and secondary highways with speed limits of 35 mph or greater. The flashers will enhance motorists' awareness that they are entering a school zone, thereby encouraging compliance with the 25-mph speed limit when children are present.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Children and Families' Well-Being since the implementation of this grant will help enhance pedestrian safety and, therefore, improve the quality of life in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This grant will require a match of \$43,340 in County funds from the applicable Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program. We intend to provide in-kind services, such as in-house contract administration, for the match amount. There will be no cost to the County General Fund.

Sufficient funds for this work are included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Grant Management Statement for this grant has been prepared using the guidelines established by the Chief Administrative Officer and adopted by your Board.

The grant from Caltrans under their Safe Routes to School Program, which was authorized by AB 1475 and signed by Governor Davis on October 6, 1999, will be administered under the Federal-Aid Transportation Program covered by Agreement Number 71078 with the State of California. This agreement was executed by your Board on October 21, 1997, Synopsis 32. Your October 21, 1997, action included an authorization for the Director, or his designee, to execute project-specific supplements with Caltrans.

On October 2, 2001, Governor Davis signed SB 10 (Soto) extending the Safe Routes to School Program for three more years. The program sunsets on January 1, 2005, unless a later enacted statute deletes or extends that date. The 5-year program has just completed its 4th year.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1(i) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 (c) and (f), of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The funds received from this grant must be used on the defined transportation project that was awarded by the State. We do not anticipate the hiring of additional staff to carry out the work for this grant. We will use contractor services for construction of the project. These contractor services will terminate upon completion of the work or when the grant is exhausted. The County will absorb any routine incremental maintenance costs upon completion of the work performed under this grant through our existing maintenance program.

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CONCLUSION

At such time as these recommendations may be approved, please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

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| Department: Public Works | | |
| Grant Project Title and Description | | |
| Install flashing yellow beacons on school warning signs, at various locations. | | |
| Funding Agency | Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #) | Grant Acceptance Deadline |
| State of California Office of Transportation (Caltrans) | STPLHSR-5953 (435) | 03-15-2004 |
| Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$390,060 | | County Match: \$43,340 * |
| Grant Period: FY 2003-2004 and FY 2004-2005 | Begin Date: 03-01-2004 | End Date: 09-30-2005 |
| Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0 | Full Time: 0 | Part Time: 0 |
| <u>Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires</u> | | |
| Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? <u>N/A</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? <u>N/A</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will: | | |
| a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Impact of additional personnel on existing space: | | |
| Not applicable | | |
| Other requirements not mentioned above: | | |
| <p>* For in kind services.</p> <p>Consultant assistance is required to carry out the program, and they will be informed that their work will terminate when the grant is exhausted and the goals of the program are met.</p> | | |

Department Head Signature _____ Date: _____

| School Name | School District | Installation Location | TG page | Sup. District |
|---|--|--|---------|---------------|
| 122nd St Elementary | Los Angeles Unified School District | E/s San Pedro St N/o 124th St | 0734D1 | 2 |
| | | W/s San Pedro St N/o 121st St | | |
| Acton Elementary | Acton/Agua Dulce Unified School District | E/s Crown Valley Rd S/o Syracuse Ave | 4465B1 | 5 |
| | | W/s Crown Valley Rd S/o Roberts Rd | | |
| Agua Dulce Elementary | Acton/Agua Dulce Unified School District | E/s Agua Dulce Cyn Rd N/o Davenport Rd | 4373E7 | 5 |
| | | W/s Agua Dulce Cyn Rd S/o Escondido Cyn Rd | | |
| Andrew Jackson Elementary | Pasadena Unified School District | N/s Woodbury Rd E/o Lincoln Ave | 0535G6 | 5 |
| | | S/s Woodbury Rd W/o Casitas Ave | | |
| Castaic Elem. & Middle School | Castaic Union School District | N/s Hillcrest Pkwy W/o Beryl Pl | 4459F2 | 5 |
| | | N/s Hillcrest Pkwy E/o Park Vista Dr | | |
| | | S/s Hillcrest Pkwy E/o Bonnie Way | | |
| City Terrace Elementary | Los Angeles Unified School District | W/s Eastern Ave N/o City Terrace Dr | 0635F3 | 1 |
| | | E/s Eastern Ave S/o Rosilyn Dr | | |
| El Camino High School | Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District | S/s Telegraph Rd W/o Armsdale Ave | 0707F7 | 4 |
| | | N/s Telegraph Rd W/o Springview Dr | | |
| Florence Ave Elementary | Los Angeles Unified School District | N/s Florence Ave W/o Wilson Ave | 0674G7 | 1 |
| | | S/s Florence Ave E/o Walnut Dr | | |
| Gladstone Street Elementary and Gladstone High School | Azusa Unified School District | S/s Arrow Hwy E/o Lark Ellen Ave | 0598H2 | 1 & 5 |
| | | N/s Arrow Hwy W/o Azusa Ave | | |
| | | N/s Gladstone St W/o Barranca Av | 0599B1 | 1 |
| | | S/s Gladstone St E/o Healthdale Ave | | |
| Graham Elementary | Los Angeles Unified School District | N/s Firestone Blvd E/o Fir Ave | 0704H2 | 1 |
| | | S/s Firestone Blvd E/o Bandera St | | |
| Grazide Elementary | Hacienda/La Puente Unified School District | N/s Colima Rd E/o Stimson Ave | 0678C5 | 4 |
| | | S/s Colima Rd W/o Stimson Ave | | |

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------|---------------|
| Joe Walker Middle School | Westside Union School District | E/s 55th Street West N/o Ave L-12 | 4104G5 | 5 |
| | | W/s 55th Street West N/o Ave L-8 | | |
| Juan de Anza Elementary | Wiseburn School District | N/s 120th St E/o La Cienega Bl | 0733A1 | 2 |
| | | S/s 120th St E/o Isis Ave | 0733A1 | 2 |
| | | W/s La Cienega S/o 120th St | | |
| | | E/s La Cienega S/o 123rd St | | |
| Katherine Edwards Middle | Whittier City School District | E/s Norwalk Blvd S/o Mines Blvd | 0676J6 | 4 |
| | | W/s Norwalk Blvd N/o Reichling Ln | | |
| La Crescenta Elementary | Glendale Unified School District | E/s La Crescenta Ave N/o Altura Ave | 0534G1 | 5 |
| | | W/s La Crescenta Ave S/o Community Ave | | |
| Lark Ellen Elementary | Covina-Valley Unified School District | N/s Cypress St W/o Vogue Ave | 0598H4 | 1 & 5 |
| | | S/s Cypress St W/o Roxburgh Ave | | |
| Lillian Street Elementary | Los Angeles Unified School District | W/s Holmes Ave S/o Slauson Ave | 0674G6 | 1 |
| | | E/s Holmes Ave N/o 61st St | | |
| Loma Vista Elementary | South Whittier School District | N/s Meyer Rd E/o Mina Ave | 0707C7 | 4 |
| | | S/s Meyer Rd W/o Beaty Ave | | |
| Manzanita Elementary | Covina-Valley Unified School District | N/s San Bernardino Rd W/o Yaleton Ave | 0598F5 | 1 |
| | | S/s San Bernardino Rd E/o Orange Ave | | |
| McKibben Elementary | South Whittier School District | E/s Mills Ave N/o Telegraph Rd | 0707C5 | 4 |
| | | W/s Mills Ave S/o Close St | | |
| Meyler St Elementary | Los Angeles Unified School District | S/s 223rd St E/o Normandie Ave | 0764A7 | 2 |
| | | N/s 223rd St E/o Meyler St | | |
| Mulberry Elementary | East Whittier City School District | N/s Mulberry Dr E/o Mills Ave | 0707E4 | 4 |
| | | S/s Mulberry Dr W/o Mina Ave | | |
| Potrero Heights Elementary | Los Angeles County Special Education | N/s Hill Dr W/o Kennydale Dr | 0636F4 | 1 |
| | | S/s Hill Dr E/o Abakan Ave | | |

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| Sierra Vista High School | Whittier Union High School District | E/s Painter Ave S/o Mystic St | 0707C3 | 4 |
| | | W/s Painter Ave S/o Mulberry Dr | | |
| Sunkist Elementary | Bassett Unified School District | E/s Puente Ave N/o Sunkist Dr | 0638A3 | 1 |
| | | W/s Puente Ave N/o Sauder St | | |
| Thomas Edison Middle | Los Angeles Unified School District | W/s Hooper Ave S/o Gage Ave | 0674F7 | 2 |
| | | E/s Hooper Ave N/o Florence Ave | | |
| Thomas Erwin Elementary | Bassett Unified School District | N/s Amar Rd E/o Sunkist Ave | 0638B3 | 1 |
| | | S/s Amar Rd W/o Willow Ave | | |
| Torch Magnet Middle School | Bassett Unified School District | N/s Amar Rd W/o Vineland Ave | 0637J2 | 1 |
| | | S/s Amar Rd W/o Vineland Ave | | |
| Wallen Andrews Elementary | Whittier City School District | N/s Workman Mill Rd E/o Coleford Ave | 0637F5 | 1 |
| | | S/s Workman Mill Rd W/o Coleford Ave | | |

TOTALS

31 Schools

63 Flashers